

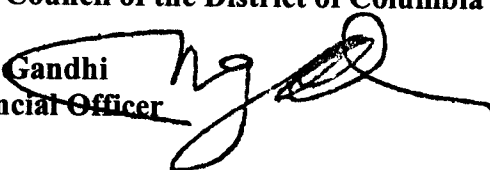
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: JAN 22 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: Amendment # 1, "Telecommunications Competition Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Amendment # 1 to B17-332

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed amendment.

Background

The proposed amendment would require, two years after the effective date of B17-332, the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) to issue a report on the absence of regulation of Voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) telecommunications service in the District of Columbia. The report would be required to include the following:

- A general analysis of the impacts and effects of the proposed legislation on consumers;
- An examination of the market availability of VOIP technology to consumers; and
- A survey of complaints from both consumers and VOIP providers resulting from the lack of VOIP competition in the marketplace.

The stated purpose of the proposed amendment is that it "...is necessary to make sure that any adverse impacts the bill may have on consumers and the marketplace in general may be understood and remedied."

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed amendment. OPC has indicated to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) that it can absorb the impact of the proposed amendment with existing resources.